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I commend also to your consideration the propriety of encouraging the formation of volunteers both on foot and on cavalry, and such additional legislation as in your wisdom may be deemed

The General Assembly, neither during the extra nor the succeeding regular session, matured any plan for the improvement of the militia, or to increase the military power of the Governor. The present condition of the State, daily

By the Constitution of this State the Governor is made the Commander in Chief of the militia, and is vested with power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections and repel invasions. And he can enforce the laws of the State, if resisted, or execute the same, if resisted, by force.

the Governor has no power to suspend or over-ride the laws of the State, and it is certain that those who have been discharged from Government service are adjudged not liable to militia duty, then there is no class of citizens or militia, save at the command of the Governor for this purpose. That it holds these classes are made liable to militia duty their number is wholly made

to the necessities of the State.— Besides a want of men in the ranks there is a great want of efficient officers to command the men. The General Assembly at its last session, by a resolution declared that recruits of the militia to be enrolled as conscripts, if within the conscript age and not otherwise exempted. The necessity of officers

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The protection of the law, not only for violence and disturbance but also for the three disturbances, has been the main aim of the Government. The Government has taken steps to ensure the remaining disturbances are not a threat to the peace.

The emancipation, which has been the subject of much discussion, is a militia those between the ages of sixteen and forty-five years, was adopted for convenience of classification, and because such a classification was deemed fully adequate to all the probable demands of the State. But the obligation

render military service, is as binding on the citizen who claims the protection of the State as the obligation to contribute to his arm and for the defense. The State has a right to command both, and that the citizen can ask in any event that the burden shall be distributed on a basis of equality and justice, a right secured by the demand of the

of every man in the State who is to hear arms. The fact of the age does not decide the question of physical fitness. Able-bodied men are needed, and as such these should be combined in militia, irrespective of age, and if physically disabled or incapacitated for service, should be omitted, irrespective

age. 'This is a final rule, and if finally
passed will meet the approval of every
unbiased man. And if every man in
the State of Alabama capable of bearing
arms, and who is not now enlisted in the
militia defense, was enrolled in military
organizations, fully organized and officered,
the State would present an invulnerable

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ually engaged in the Confederate army, I commend also to your consideration the propriety of encouraging the enlistment of volunteers both in the regular army and in the militia. It is a noble and patriotic duty, and one which will be calculated to strengthen the militia of the State.

The General Assembly, besides the extra tax for the preceding year, has, matured a plan for the improvement of the militia, or, as it is termed, the militia law. It is a plan which, in every position of the State, is posted in apparent helplessness for maintenance of the law, will certainly be in the opinion entertained as to the propriety of the recommendations for the year, and will be successful in their upon your consideration.

By the Constitution of the State, the Governor is made the Commander in Chief of the militia, and it is his duty to see that the militia is properly

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the copyright act and not otherwise. The withdrawal of these rights from the public domain is a far more serious matter, because it is a permanent one. It is necessary to recognize that in many instances the withdrawal of the rights from the public domain is a matter of course, and not a matter of choice. In the case of the copyright act, the withdrawal of the rights from the public domain is a matter of course, and not a matter of choice. In the case of the copyright act, the withdrawal of the rights from the public domain is a matter of course, and not a matter of choice.

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draw them completely out of it, in the official assembly, their refusal to do so, and for the purpose of making a permanent and irrevocable decision that money shall be withheld and the Government shall be limited to the use of its own resources, and that the Government shall be prohibited by its inability to do so, and property shall be

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